

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please insert the following at page 1, line 2:

BACKGROUND

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 1, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The invention relates to a gas flow distributor for a lateral airbag module ~~according to the precharacterizing clause of claim 1.~~

Please insert the following at page 1, line 30:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 1a, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This problem is solved according to the invention by the provision of a gas flow distributor according the embodiments described herein ~~having the features of claim 1.~~

Please insert the following at page 6, line 24:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 6, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A lateral airbag module having a gas generator for inflating a gas bag and a gas flow distributor designed in accordance with the invention is characterized by the features of claim 39.

Please insert the following at page 7, line 24:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION